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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SECESSIONIST PLOT IN SHABA

1. EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED MOBUTU POSSESSES COPIES OF DOCUMENTS PURPORTEDLY FROM A ZAIRIAN SECESSIONIST GROUP IN SHABA ADDRESSED TO US AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA. GROUP INCLUDES ZAIRIANS JOSEPH MBELELE AND MUSILI MAYELE. ALLEGEDLY, TWO LETTERS ADVOCATING AN INDEPENDENT SHABA HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AMBASSADOR IN LUSAKA WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY BE FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

2. THE GROUP'S INTENTION IS TO MAKE SHABA A KINGDOM WITH THE RULER FROM EITHER SUBREGIONS OF TANGANYIKA OR LUALABA. IN LATTER CASE, GROUP CALLS ON THOMAS KABWITA TSHOMBE (BROTHER OF MOISE) FOR ASSISTANCE. THIS TSHOMBE REPORTEDLY LIVING IN MALAWI AND SEEN SOME MONTHS AGO IN LUSAKA. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE TRAVELLED BETWEEN BRUSSELS AND LUSAKA AS WELL AS THE ZAMBIA-ANGOLAN BORDER AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONTACTED THE MPLA.

3. FOREGOING REPORTED TO MOBUTU BY ZAIRIAN AMB TO LUSAKA

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AND AN INFORMATION COPY WAS GIVEN TO FONMIN NGUZA BY

ZAIRIAN CONGEN AT NDOLA.

4. WHILE IT IS UNLIKELY MOBUTU WOULD SUSPECT US, OF
ALL POWERS, OF BEING PARTY TO A SECESSIONIST PLOT IN
SHABA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY
LUSAKA AND EMBASSY BRUSSELS HAVE ON THIS MATTER.
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